

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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A Letter from Bobby Nakoolok, who is training for the Ministry at the College at Pangnirtung in the Diocese of the Arctic, and whose training is being helped by donations from the people of Badsey and Aldington. This letter first appeared in the Arctic Diocesan Newsletter.

**BOBBY NAKOOLAK**  
from Coral Harbour, N.W.T.

Now I am going to tell you my own story which starts when I was about fourteen years old, when I used to go with my father everytime he went off hunting. Unfortunately, I became sick and had to go to hospital shortly after this, spending three years without even being able to stand on the floor, and I did not understand any English either, which made it very difficult indeed. After hospital I went to Fort Churchill and then back home. Then back to Churchill where I worked as a carpenter for about three months. Following that there were many other jobs, working at the Laundry plant in the Canadian Army; with the Department of Public Works as a Clearance Service man and even with the Navy as a watchman. But I had to leave that job owing to some of my drinking habits, which certainly did not do me very much good. At that time during these problems, the Reverend Willis who was the minister at Churchill, came to visit me and pray with me in a very wonderful way, even though he did not understand any Eskimo. I thought to myself that I must put my trust in God and love His people, because I did not seem to have very much love for anyone in me. Then I remembered when I was a young man about our Catechist in our own home, named Luke Kidlapik, who was preaching about God's love and even from that memory I felt that God perhaps would want me to work like Luke and minister to God's people. Although I am not a very good man, this call seemed to come to me. It seemed just like a needle sticking in and making me think very much. I also began to think about training and how to help our people and thought that God would lead me in the right way about these things. I know God has promised His Holy Spirit to His people and so I have come here to The Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung to study and learn about God's work. Jesus came to the people on this earth to love them and He went to the Cross for us. And I do want our people all to believe in this truth and to understand it. The training here is not very easy but I know that God is helping me in all of it. I really want to understand the sacred Word of God, especially in these days when our people are having so many problems. It is almost like that God's Word seems weak in the lives of the people, but I pray that they will understand much through my ministry. God is calling us to work together as Christians and to pray for each other and now I close and say goodbye to all Christians everywhere.

Bobby Nakoolak.

**Nurse Davies**

Miss Davies will be retiring in September after twenty or so years as our District Nurse. It has been proposed that we mark the occasion with a presentation, and those who wish to subscribe are invited to hand their contributions to one of the following: Mrs. F. Goldstraw, 16, Old Post Office Lane, Badsey; Mrs. A. Bell, 12, Badsey High Street; the Vicar.

**BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER  
AND BOWERS HILL NOTES**

**Church Services in September**

- 4 Trinity 13. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 7 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 11 Trinity 14. 8-0 Holy Communion; 6-30 Evensong.
- 14 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 18 Trinity 15. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 21 St. Matthew. 10-0 H.C.
- 25 Trinity 16. 8-0 Holy Communion; 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 28 Wednesday. No Service.

**October**

- 2 Harvest Festival. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

**Servers' Rota - September**

- 4 10-45 T. Knight; 6-30 P. Brazier.
- 11 8-0 A. Betteridge; 6-30 M. Clements.
- 18 10-45 P. Brazier.
- 25 8-0 A. Watkin; 6-30 D. Barrand.

**October**

- 2 10-45 P. Brazier; 6-30 T. Knight.

**Holy Baptism**

On August 21st:

Sarah Louise Embleton; Stuart James Lister; Caroline Marie Ross.

**Holy Matrimony**

On August 20th:

Philip John Hartwell and Jacqueline Marie Begley.

**Sick and Convalescent (as on August 20th)**

Ada Podesta, Harold Wheatley, Polly Hutchings, Angela Winter, Iris Perry, Sheila Knight, Phyllis Churchill, Walter Bell, Emily Fry, George Addis, John Major, Emily Walker, Michael Hewlett.

**Donations**

In memory of Llewellyn Jones, from Mrs. Jones, £100.

In memory of Annie Keen, from her family, £5.

**Tuesday Prayer Meeting**

Prayers are said for those on the sick list and for the parish every Tuesday (except the 4th in the

month) in church between 7 p.m. and 7-30 p.m. All are welcome to join us in this important part of the church's work, or, if they cannot attend in person, parishioners are invited to submit names of those for whom prayers are asked. Names may be written on one of the little cards provided at the back of the church, and pinned on to the small board near the font. These names will usually be mentioned at one of the services on Sunday as well as on Tuesday.

### The Monthly Prayer Meeting

This takes place, usually, on the first Friday in each month, from 7-30 to 8-15 p.m. On September 2nd we will meet at the Vicarage. On October 7th we shall meet at Mrs. Eyre's home at 3, Binyon Close. All, of course, are welcome to come along.

**Harvest Festival.** In Badsey we shall celebrate the Harvest Festival on October 2nd, when the services will be the Family Eucharist (10-45 a.m.) and Evensong (6-30 p.m.). Gifts of fruit, vegetables and groceries will be most welcome, and during the Family Eucharist in the morning there will be an opportunity for children to bring their gifts up to the chancel step. Parcels for distribution to the sick and elderly will be made up and distributed on Monday morning (3rd) from 9-30 onwards. Volunteers, please! If you know of any housebound pensioner who in your opinion should be included in our list, please will you tell the Vicar or one of the Church Council?

**Harvest Supper.** This will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, October 6th, 7-45 p.m. for 8-0 p.m. We hope to offer a full meal which will include cold meat, salad, baked potato, followed by trifle. After the supper Mr. David Ward will lead an entertainment of folk songs and guitar music. Mr. Ward, who is headmaster of the Pershore Abbey Park Middle School, is well known to some of you, and it will be a pleasure to have him with us for our Harvest Supper. As this is one of the traditional times when the whole family of the local church can get together for a social occasion, the Social Committee of the Church Council invite all our congregation to do their best to come along on October 6th. Admission by ticket (we have to know in advance correct numbers for catering). Tickets available from members of the Parochial Church Council.

### The Parochial Church Council

Social Committee: Tuesday, September 6th, 7-35 p.m. in the Vicarage.

Standing Committee: Tuesday, September 20th, 7-35 p.m. in the Vicarage.

Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th, 7-30 p.m. in the Church.

**War Memorial Rota.** Sept. 4th, Mrs. N. Cook; Sept. 18th, Mrs. C. Stewart; Sept. 25th, Mrs. Syril.

**Mrs. Una Royle**, who has been in hospital for the past eighteen months after suffering a stroke, and who has now moved to her new home in Newbury, wishes to thank all those who kindly visited her while she was in hospital, and to apologise to them for not being able to write to them personally.

**Sixty Plus Club.** Meeting as usual on Wednesday, September 21st at the Legion Club.

### Mothers' Union

Wed., Sept. 7th -- "Wave of Prayer" 8-0 a.m. to 8-20 a.m.

Tues., Sept. 13th, 2-30 p.m. -- Mrs. Dukes "The Work of a Magistrate".

Tues., Sept. 27th, 7-30 p.m. -- Mrs. Bentley "The Work of the Education and Speakers' Dept."

### Church of England Children's Society St. Mary's Home, Eastnor.

M.U. Golden Needle League.

Many thanks to those members who made or bought gifts for the children or gave money towards them.

We were able to take a large box of clothes and an individual parcel containing at least two gifts for each of the sixteen children. The parcels contained such things as sweaters, pants, bobble hats, tights, soap, talc, puncture outfits and table tennis bats and balls.

The children were delighted and appreciated them by the individual letters I have received. Most of the children have just been away for a few days so were able to make use of these gifts. The £1.50 left, Mrs. Tandy will use for the children when they have an outing.

Betty Owen.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES Church Services in September

- 4 Trinity 13. 9-30 Holy Communion.
- 11 Trinity 14. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 18 Trinity 15. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 25 Harvest Festival. 11-0 Family Service.
- Oct. 2 Trinity 17. 9-30 Holy Communion.

Server: September 18th, T. Mobley.

### Holy Baptism

On July 10th:

Matthew Ward; Tracy Joanne Corbett.

**Sick and Convalescent** (as on August 20th)

Elsie Walters, Bill Walters, Audrey Sunley, Fred Abbott, Charles Lewis.

**Harvest Festival.** This will be celebrated on September 25th, when the service will be at 11 a.m. Gifts of fruit, vegetables and groceries will be most gratefully received. The Church will be decorated on Saturday morning (the 24th). Children are invited to bring their Harvest gifts to the service and they will have a chance to present them at the chancel step during the service. Parcels will be made up and distributed on the morn-

ing of Monday, 26th, from 9-0 a.m. Volunteers, please! If there is anyone (elderly or housebound) who should in your opinion be included in the list, please notify the Vicar or a Churchwarden, or add the name to the list which will be placed at the back of the Church.

**Harvest Supper.** This will be held in the Remembrance Hall on the 24th (Saturday) of September, 7-30 for 8-0 p.m. The Supper will follow the same pattern as last year. After the meal there will be a short entertainment. Please buy your tickets in good time from one of the Parochial Church Council (by the 20th). Numbers have to be limited to eighty.

**Donation.** Mrs. Bridget Brown kindly donated to the Church at Wickhamford a copy of the 'Oxford Book of Carols'. This handsome gift will be an invaluable addition to our Musicians' Gallery.

**Wickhamford Senior Residents Silver Jubilee Party** The Memorial Hall was the scene for the above Party on Wednesday, 3rd August, 1977 when 64 Senior Residents of the Village sat down to a most enjoyable meal of cold meat and salad, followed by fruit salad and cream after which a variety of cakes appeared together with some cups of tea, which rounded off a very fine repast.

Having got through the meal in good time, the company were entertained by some 'local talent' until the arrival of members of the Redditch Revellers who had been booked to appear at 7 p.m. These artistes provided a most enjoyable Cabaret performance with songs, dances and sketches which were thoroughly appreciated by all present.

During the interval the Jubilee Cake was cut by two very senior residents and sherry was passed round and all at the gathering stood to drink the Loyal Toast to H.M. The Queen.

The end of the Concert eventually came and this was the moment for coffee and sausage rolls to appear - despite a large tea and sherry and Jubilee Cake!! The members of the Redditch Revellers did not seem in a hurry to get away and joined the party in a 'walk about' among the senior residents. This was a most successful show and the thanks of the senior residents of the village are due, in the main, to Mrs. Margaret Winkett and Mrs. Jean Heritage for all the hard work involved and to the band of very willing helpers who made this party possible - also for the provision of a Silver Jubilee Sugar Spoon for each one present.

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